

MINUTES

UTAH GEOLOGY BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2007

**Room 464 - 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:08 A.M.

ADJOURNED: A.M

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Dan S. Jones
Ann Naegelin

Board Members Present:

Dean Armstrong, Chair
Janet Roemmell
Richard Allis
William Loughlin

Board Members Absent:

Dan Matthews

Guests:

Mike Barber, Summit Geological Service
David Friz, Utah Council of Professional Geologist
Paul Zahn, DEQ, DERR

DOPL Staff Present:

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
Swear in New Board Member

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OLD BUSINESS:

Governor's Geologic Hazards Working Group

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Loughlin was introduced and sworn in as a Board Member.

Mr. Allis made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting as amended. Ms. Roemmell seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Allis indicated the report is still in draft format. It will be presented to the Governor on September 20 for his action.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Education and Enforcement Fund

The Education and Enforcement Fund balance was reviewed. No action taken

Funding is available for education courses. Currently, Professional Geologists are not required to complete continuing education for renewal. Mr. Allis will work with his agency and ASCE to determine if there is interest in an educational conference.

Levels of Supervision

The Board discussed the language proposed by DOPL regarding supervision. The statute and rules for the profession do not define supervision. Ms. Roemmel made a motion to use the language as proposed with a slight modification that requires personal contact on a regular basis for general supervision. Mr. Allis seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Practice of Geology

Mr. Jones explained that the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation has asked for an informal opinion regarding when a seal is required by a geologist. DERR has given the Division nine different types of reports and requested that the Board give them an opinion as to the use of a seal. This item will continue to be discussed at the meeting in October. Representatives from DEQ and DOGM will be invited to attend.

Mr. Armstrong and Ms. Roemmel will need to be recused from a vote for the DERR proposal, as reports from their employers were submitted by DERR.

Mr. Allis spoke with DOGM regarding licensure. DOGM does not have anything in their rules regarding licensure other than land surveying.

Mike Barber of Summit Geological Services has requested clarification regarding mud logging. He is not a professional geologist. He is using Geological in the company name, which represents that a professional geologist is doing the work. It appears to Mr. Jones that mud logging falls under the practice of geology.

Ms. Roemmel discussed the issue of mud logging with several other states. Wyoming does not always accept mud logging as experience for licensure. Texas exempts it from licensure. Mr. Barber checked the requirements of the surrounding states for mud logging. Wyoming and Nebraska do not include mud logging as the practice of geology. Texas excludes the oil and gas industry. Mississippi also excludes oil and gas industry. Mr. Allis does not think that it is the practice of geology as long as he is not identifying the rock formations.

Mr. Friz wondered if the Board would consider the experience relevant for licensure. Mud logging experience is not accepted for licensure.

Mr. Allis made a motion to exclude mud logging from the practice of geology and to make the necessary change to the rules. Mr. Loughlin seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of three in favor. Ms. Roemmel abstained from the vote. Mr. Allis will draft language for a rule change to be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

10/11/2007
Date Approved

(ss) Dean Armstrong
Chairperson, Utah Board of Geology

10/11/2007
Date Approved

(ss) Dan S. Jones
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional
Licensing